

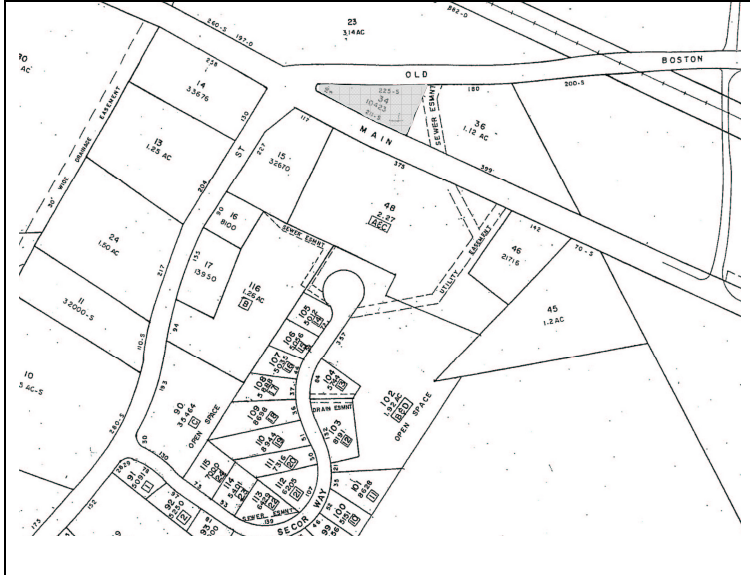
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 592 Main Street

Historic Name: Col Russell Mears House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1780

Source: Local History

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Barn

Major Alterations (with dates):

Replacement Materials

Porch

Garage Addition to Barn (1930s)

Condition: Poor

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.24 Acres

Setting: Located in a primarily commercial area on a major travel corridor to Lowell.

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

592 MAIN STREET

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The simple dwelling at 592 Main Street is a one-and-a-half story dwelling located near the intersection of Old Boston Road and Main Street. A one-and-a-half story outbuilding is located to the south of the dwelling. The gable front outbuilding has an asphalt shingle roof and wood shingle clad walls. Two one-story shed roof additions are located to the north one is clad in metal siding, the other in wood shingles.

The five by one bay dwelling is rectangular in plan with a four-bay addition to the south. A one story porch on the front (west) elevation has been filled in on the south bay. A central entrance leads to the porch. The center of the side gable roof's ridge is pierced by a short narrow brick chimney. A second exterior end chimney is located on the south elevation. The windows are 2/2 wood sash windows.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to an interview with Rhoda Parkhurst Davis in *Ye Towne Book* of 1934 the house at 592 Main Street was built by Colonel Russell Mears, a Revolutionary War veteran in 1780. Russel (1766-1849) was the son of Robert and Rebecca Mears and owned 80 acres on both side of Main Street near the intersection with Boston Road. According the Davis, the family lived in another house closer to the Center and Mears built the present house c1780. Mears in his elder years resided in his house with Joseph Parkhurst and his family. Joseph Parkhurst was a farm laborer and probably worked on the Mears farm.

The Parkhurst family continued to live in the house in the mid-19th century. Joseph Addison Parkhurst (1808-1866) was from Lexington. He married his wife Lydia in Tewksbury in 1835. The Parkhurst's had four daughters: Susan, Mariah, Matilda, and Rhoda. In the 1870s Lydia and Matilda Parkhurst were living in the Main Street house and Matilda was working in a mill. Lydia Parkhurst died in 1877.

In 1889 a historic map identifies the dwelling as belonging to M Roache. Michael Roache was a farmer, who owned the house in the early 1890s. Property valuation list Roache as owning a house, barn, 1 cow, and 6 acres. Roache sold the dwelling in 1896 to John and Ellen O'Donnell.

Owners include: Michael Roach[e] (c1889-1896); John O'Donnell, a laborer, & his wife Ellen (1896-1907); George & Margaret Buck (1907-1928); Benjamin Buck (1928-1935); William and Ethel Tareila (1935-1984) Robert Tareila, a fixer and Walter Tareila, a groundskeeper (1984-2009)

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220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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